

Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 13, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet tomorrow, July 13, 2006, from 10 a.m. to noon in Dirksen 106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President: I would like to ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, July 13, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety be authorized to hold a hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed revisions to the particulate matter air quality standards.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 13, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing on "Renewing the Temporary Provisions of the Voting Rights Act: Legislative Options after *LULAC v. Perry*" in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Panel I: Michael Carfin, Partner, Jones Day, Washington, DC;

Abigail Thernstrom, Vice Chairman, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Lexington, MA;

Roger Clegg, President and General Counsel, Center for Equal Opportunity, Sterling, VA;

Joaquin G. Avila, Assistant Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA;

Nina Perales, Regional Counsel, MALDEF, San Antonio, TX;

Sherrilyn Ifill, Associate Professor of Law, University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, MD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Beth Kolbe, an intern in Senator KERRY's office, be granted the privileges of the floor during consideration of the stem cell legislation and any votes that may occur in relation thereto.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 3504, S. 2754, AND H.R. 810

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this is one of the two issues that I mentioned a

little bit ago on stem cells. I ask unanimous consent that at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 3504, S. 2754, and H.R. 810, as under the previous order. I further ask that the time be divided as follows:

Monday: 12:30 to 1:00, majority; 1:00 to 1:30, minority; 1:30 to 2:00, majority; and 2:00 to 2:30, minority, continuing to rotate every half-hour until 8:30.

Tuesday: 10:00 to 10:30, majority; 10:30 to 11:00, minority; 11:00 to 11:30, majority; 11:30 to 12:00, minority; 12:00 to 12:15, majority; 12:15 to 12:30, minority; 2:15 to 2:45, majority; 2:45 to 3:15, minority; 3:15 to 3:30, minority leader; and 3:30 to 3:45, majority leader.

Further, I ask that at 3:45 the Senate proceed to three consecutive votes as the order provides.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, all that to say that we will be on stem cells on Monday and Tuesday with the 3:45 time period beginning three consecutive votes. The times that we just locked in are to have some order to the debate back and forth so people will know approximately when their debate time is.

#### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 4411

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4411) to prevent the use of certain payment instruments, credit cards, and fund transfers for unlawful Internet gambling, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. Without objection, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

#### TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT WITH RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (S. 655) to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

S. 655

*Resolved*, That the bill from the Senate (S. 655) entitled "An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention", do pass with the following amendment:

On page 2, line 19, after "period" insert: at the end of the second sentence

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur in the House amendment, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (S. 250) to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

S. 250

*Resolved*, That the bill from the Senate (S. 250) entitled "An Act to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act", do pass with the following Amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act".*

#### SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

*Wherever in this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provision, the amendment or repeal shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).*

#### SEC. 3. PURPOSES AND DEFINITIONS.

(a) *PURPOSES.*—Section 2(2) (20 U.S.C. 2301(2)) is amended by inserting "rigorous and challenging" after "integrate".

(b) *DEFINITIONS.*—Section 3 (20 U.S.C. 2302) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (26) and redesignating paragraphs (21) through (25) as paragraphs (23) through (27), and paragraphs (27) through (30) as paragraphs (29) through (32), respectively;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (20) as paragraphs (5) through (21), respectively, and inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

"(4) *ARTICULATION AGREEMENT.*—The term 'articulation agreement' means a written commitment, agreed upon at the State level or approved annually and facilitated by the lead administrators of the secondary and postsecondary consortia members as described in section 135(b)(3)(A), to provide a program designed to provide students with a nonduplicative sequence of progressive achievements leading to degrees, certificates, or credentials in a tech-prep education program linked through credit transfer agreements.";

(3) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by inserting "to students (and parents, as appropriate)" after "providing access";

(4) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated), by striking "section 5206" and inserting "section 5210";

(5) in paragraph (7) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking "method of instruction" and inserting "method"; and

(B) by inserting "rigorous and challenging" after "required";

(6) in paragraph (11)(A) (as so redesignated), by striking "an" and inserting "a public or nonprofit private";

(7) in paragraph (18) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking "TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT" and inserting "FIELDS";